

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 710.](#)

By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Hawkins of the 27th, Willard of the 51st, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disabled persons, so as to provide for the establishment of a qualified ABLE program in this state to enable the contribution of funds to tax-exempt accounts to pay for the qualified expenses of eligible individuals with disabilities; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of taxable net income; to amend Code Section 50-13-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the definitions for purposes of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, so as to exclude the Georgia ABLE Program Corporation from the meaning of "agency"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 713.](#)

By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Cantrell of the 22nd, Carter of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 and Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the Juvenile Code and domestic relations, respectively, so as to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for terminating parental rights; to revise definitions; to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for losing parental rights and is relevant in certain adoption proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 714.](#)

By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yates of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide that retirement income received as retirement benefits from military service shall not be subject to state income tax; to increase the excise tax on cigarettes to offset the cost; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for an automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 722.](#)

By Representatives Peake of the 141st, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, England of the 116th, Gravley of the 67th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for a patient registry program for the use of medical cannabis; to authorize rule making; to establish duties of patients, designated caregivers, physicians, and manufacturers of medical cannabis; to establish a medical cannabis tracking system; to provide for confidentiality of records; to establish patient protections; to impose penalties; to provide for nursing facilities; to establish fees; to establish a task force; to require impact assessment of medical cannabis therapeutic research; to require reports and audits; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 732.](#)

By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed restrictions of motor vehicles, so as to provide for "super speeder" classification upon conviction of driving a commercial motor vehicle at a speed of ten or more miles per hour above the posted speed limit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 733.](#)

By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to reduce the amount of a certain fee imposed by innkeepers and to expand the types of innkeepers that must charge such fee; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 734.](#)

By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 167th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 41, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, nuisances, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to prohibit local government regulation of noise associated with space flight operations; to provide that space flight operations shall not constitute nuisances under certain conditions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 735.](#)

By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Stewart County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4498), so as to revise method of membership appointments; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 736.](#)

By Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Jones of the 167th, Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to provide for a special license plate promoting marine habitat conservation; to provide for related matters; to require a two-thirds' majority vote for passage in accordance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 737.](#)

By Representative Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal

portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify a joint resolution; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on CODE REVISION

[HB 738.](#)

By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Welch of the 110th, Dickerson of the 113th, and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law libraries, so as to revise the uses of excess funds by a county law library; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 740.](#)

By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Rakestraw of the 19th, Willard of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Peake of the 141st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and composition of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to create an annual tax credit for up to five years for taxpayers who purchase, own, and occupy a dwelling that qualifies for a homestead exemption located within a school attendance zone assigned to a public elementary school that is among the lowest 5 percent of academic achievement public elementary schools in the state; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 741.](#)

By Representatives Pak of the 108th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and Efstoration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for the Supreme Court of Georgia, so as to change provisions relating to the terms of court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 742.](#)

By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th, Carson of the 46th, Mosby of the 83rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; to change certain dates for partnerships and corporations other than Georgia Subchapter "S" corporations; to clarify certain provisions relating to statements of wages paid; to change certain dates and clarify provisions relating to annual and final compensation returns; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HR 979.](#)

By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Tankersley of the 160th, Oliver of the 82nd, Efstration of the 104th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Programs That Provide Services for the Reading to the Blind and the Visually Impaired; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES